



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 14, 2002, the period for response being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks. Claims 22-24 are pending. For the reasons discussed below, Applicants submit that all of the claims 22-24 are allowable over the applied art.

Claims 22-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) being anticipated by Chen (U.S. Patent No. 6,063,647). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

In particular, Figure 1A of Chen discloses that the conductive pad 24 and the bump 30 are provided on the same side of the adhesive layer 36 of the circuit element 20P. In contrast to the claimed invention, however, Chen fails to disclose or suggest that a conductive pad and a bump are provided at opposite sides of each other.

Accordingly, because Chen fails to disclose each and every feature as the claimed invention, Applicants submit that claims 22-24 define patentable subject matter. Thus, Applicants request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that this Application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 22-24 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this Application in better condition for allowance the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Petition for Extension of Time

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